

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on May 17, 2007. During the interview, the present invention, prior art, and possible claim amendments were discussed. The Applicants note that the claims have been amended as discussed during the Interview and submit that the claims currently pending distinguish the cited art.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has canceled and claims 2-26 have been added. Thus, claims 2-26 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

I. Drawings

In the Office Action mailed January 30, 2007, the drawings were objected to because paragraphs [0103], [0104], and [0107] list reference numbers not listed in the drawings. Corrected drawing sheets for Figures 15, 17, and 18 are submitted herewith. If any additional amendment is necessary to overcome this objection, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

II. Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to for informalities. The Applicants note that claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 2 has incorporated the Examiner's suggested correction. If any additional amendment is necessary to overcome this objection, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. It is noted that claim 1 has been canceled and that this rejection has been rendered moot.

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Applicants note that claim 1 has been canceled and that this rejection has been rendered moot.

V. 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,073,175 to Tavs ("Tavs"). It is noted that claim 1 has been canceled. To the extent that the rejection remains applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants hereby traverse the rejection, as follows.

The Applicants submit that Tavs does not disclose or suggest a method of associating a content tag with a content, the method comprising at least:

associating a content tag indicating a type of service to accord the content, wherein the content tag is created and associated with the content at the point of origination of a client or of a server; reading the content tag in an instance of network transmission; and transmitting at least part of the content according to the type of service specified by the flow of information, as recited in newly added claim 2.

For at least this combination of reasons, the Applicants submit that claim 2 is allowable over the cited art. For similar reasons, the Applicants submit that claim 21 is likewise allowable. As claims 2 and 21 are allowable, the Applicants submit that claims

3-20 and 22-22, which depend from allowable claims 2 and 21, are therefore also allowable.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentability distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 026215-00003.

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